CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	HTCG17168_16 Carved Image 2
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1800616.005
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Dunedin
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	28 March 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It is an image that explicitly depicts an adult involving a child in a sexual act. The image is clearly intended to arouse those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual use and gratification. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 be banned. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.